

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1762

ANSWERED ON:28.11.2007

RECOMMENDATION OF CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION

Gangwar Shri Santosh Kumar; Malhotra Prof. Vijay Kumar

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Information Commission, in its Annual Report, has recommended that Public Information Officers posted in the Government departments be accorded the status of the Officer of the Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS. (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI)

(a) & (b): The Central Information Commission in its Annual Report for the year 2005-06 has recommended that the Public Information Officers should be considered as officers of the Central Information Commission.

(c): The Right to Information Act, 2005 contains provisions enabling the Public Information Officers to work objectively and fearlessly.